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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

### DECLARATION:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe, the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention for GENDER CLASSIFICATION WITH SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINES, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked.

☒ was filed on November 22, 1999 as Application Serial Number 09/444,689.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Number	Country	Date Filed	Priority Claimed (Yes/No)
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States Provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

## PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATIONS

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On behalf of Mitsubishi Electric Information Technology Center America, Inc., Assignee of my entire right, title and interest, I hereby appoint the following attorney with full power of substitution to act exclusively for Mitsubishi Electric to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Dirk Brinkman, Reg. No. 35,460.

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